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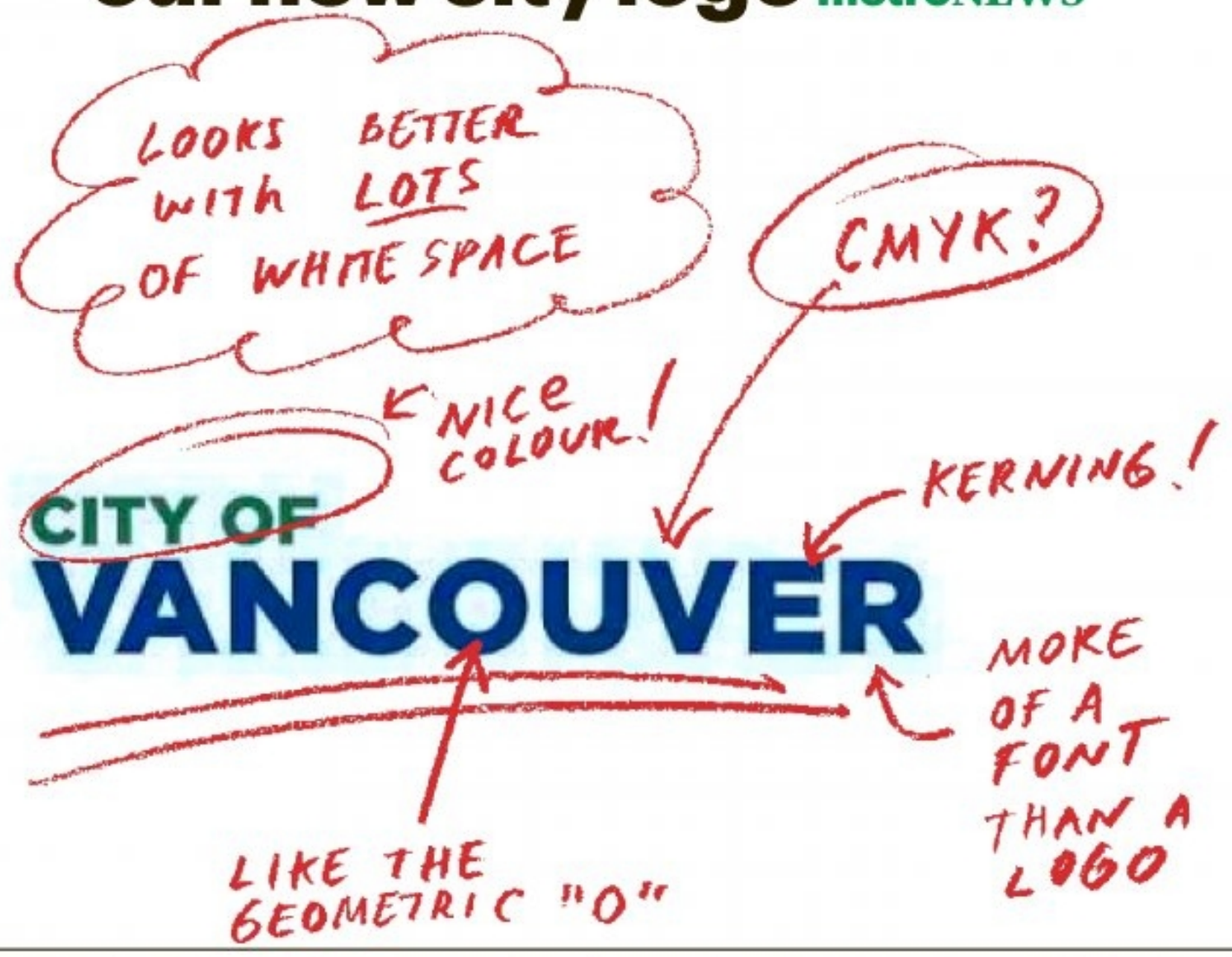

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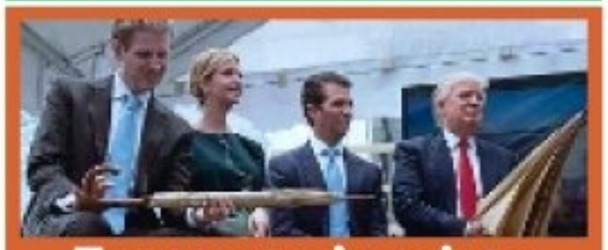

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# Pride slams 'racist backlash' against Black Lives Matter

DISCRIMINATION

## Society also apologizes for pro- and anti-police petitions

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver Pride Society apologized after Black Lives Matter-Vancouver — which has campaigned to remove police from the Pride Parade — brought written evidence to a meeting Tuesday of a "racist backlash, hate mail, death threats and other forms of violence" it had faced because of its campaign.

The Society, which organizes the annual LGBTQ parade, received two competing petitions this month over an issue which has ignited divisions and painful conversations in the community.

In its response on Wednesday afternoon, Pride said racism was "absolutely not acceptable" and acknowledged "we have not been quick to act in the past, and for this we are sorry," and recognized violence and discrimination faced by people of colour.

"The Parade in 2017 needs to be different to make everyone feel safer, so we have made some suggestions," Pride stated.

Black Lives Matter's petition argued the large presence of uniformed police officers made vulnerable marchers of colour feel unsafe. Then a counter-petition, created by several stalwarts of the LGBTQ community, asked police to remain because of the "positive" relationship they said was built over decades with cops in the city.

The anti-racist group hosted a Facebook live broadcast on Wednesday night to discuss its meeting with Pride.

"We brought screenshots to show the level of racism and death threats that we were receiving so they could get a better idea," said organizer Cicely-Belle Blaine in the video. "If you're not black, you don't know anti-blackness.

In its letter, Vancouver Pride Society suggested compromises allowing police to march, but less prominently: proposals included inviting police to march in plainclothes perhaps in T-shirts; reducing the "footprint" or space taken by police as a proportion of municipal staff, and reducing the number of vehicles, including not permitting armoured vehicles.

Meanwhile, Vancouver police Chief Const. Adam Palmer told Metro he feels confident in the department's "great relationship" the force has worked towards with the LGBTQ community "for many, many years."

"We've been marching in that parade since 1997," Palmer said, "so for 20 years we've always been well-received … We're happy to continue our dialogue with them and try to work through these issues."

A man jokes with a police officer before the start of the Vancouver Pride Parade in Vancouver in 2011. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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>
> Statement from Vancouver Pride Society

MEDIA

## Metro widens the gap over 24H

Metro continues to widen the gap over 24H in Vancouver as the national brand is the most-read weekday paper in Canada, according to data released Thursday.

Vividata, the media industry's single-source, print and digital audience measurement released its survey results for the third quarter of 2016 on Thursday, based on surveys completed between October 2015 and September 2016.

The results show Metro Vancouver has 297,000 daily print readers — up 3,000, or one per cent, over the second quarter of 2016. By comparison 24H has 269,000 daily print readers, down five per cent, over the previous quarter. The Vancouver Sun (356,000 daily print readers) is first in the market, followed by The Province (319,000 print readers).

Nationally, Metro's daily readership across seven English markets was steady at 1.68 million, making it again the most read weekday daily newspaper in the country.

Elsewhere, Metro was the top paper in Halifax, with 112,000 daily print readers, ahead of the Halifax Chronicle's 99,000 daily print readers. Behind only the Toronto Star, Metro Toronto has an average weekday readership of 645,000. METRO

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# Designers let loose on logo

ART

## Metro chats with them on what works, what doesn't

Wanyee Li
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Vancouver's logo should reflect a culturally rich and creative community, say critics of the city's new logo. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Vancouver city council approved a new logo for the city this week in what has proven to be a controversial decision, drawing mockery from residents and criticism from professional designers.

The wordmark, designed by local firm Hangar 18, is a missed opportunity for a city that wants to be seen as a design savvy, said one graphic designer.

"It's especially sad when Vancouver is trying to bill itself as a place where tech is going to be in the lead. Design and tech go hand in hand," said freelance designer Brock Ellis.

"It just seems a little bit of a travesty."

Hangar 18 did not respond to Metro's request for an interview.

People poked fun of the wordmark's simplistic design on social media, saying they couldn't believe it cost taxpayers $8,000 to create it.

But Ellis, who has worked in the industry for almost 20 years, says that figure is actually very low in comparison to other design contracts.

In fact, Melbourne, Australia, paid $194,000 for their logo — a project that has become the gold standard for city-branding in the design world, he said.

But Hangar 18 is not to blame for the backlash the city is getting about the logo, he emphasized.

He believes the city could have done more consultation, with both design professionals and the public, before giving the design a thumbs-up.

> **It just seems a little bit of a travesty.**
> Brock Ellis

"Instead, they do it internally, but then there's no public consultation or professional consultation to say, are we on the right path here."

One neighbourhood activist chimed in on social media, criticizing city council for choosing a logo that represented "increasing homogeneity" in the city.

"City logos are more than an image on a letterhead. It's a symbol, an identity, an expression that tells a story of its people," said Melody Ma in a tweet.

But a local art director said the "simple and straightforward" logo may actually make sense, given the city's goal of making it easily recognizable for people whose first language is not English, as stated in a staff report.

"I think in some ways it allows a logo to be more openly adopted by a diverse population. It's not trying to narrowly tell a story," said Steven Cox, creative director at the branding firm, Cause+Affect.

Working with complex organizations like a city government can sometimes yield a design that follows the path of least resistance, he suggested.

"I would say that trying to find something that is unique and daring within that kind of organizational structure is very challenging."

Besides, one logo can't satisfy everyone's version of what the city means to them, he added.

"It's sparking a conversation about what is the brand of Vancouver and how does an identity represent that. That's a good conversation to have," said Cox.

"But asking a wordmark to tell you that is asking a lot."

DRUGS

## Police warn of stronger fentanyl

David P. Ball
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It's not just fentanyl any more.

Vancouver Police Department is warning of a plethora of new mixes and variants of fentanyl popping up on city's streets. And it knows because it's bought them from dealers as they focus all drug enforcement efforts on the deadly opioid.

"We act as an early warning system," Staff Sgt. Bill Spearn of the Vancouver Police Department's organized crime unit told the city's police board Thursday, "and we identify what drugs are being seized" to health authorities and the Coroner.

Among those, he explained, are the highly potent elephant tranquilizer carfentanyl "the VPD has seized it and bought it from people," he said and the most common blend, fentanyl and caffeine marketed as other illicit drugs. But new to the streets are two potent synthetic variants, furanylfentanyl and one known only as "U47700," he warned.

"I've been working on drug enforcement for 20 years and I've never seen anything like it," Spearn told the monthly board meeting.

Although the police were initially slower than other agencies to equip sworn officers with the overdose antidote Narcan, after more than a year of Downtown Eastside volunteers saving hundreds of lives, VPD officers finally joined the effort with their first Narcan rescue on Dec. 28 outside Rogers Arena, Spearn revealed. It's not just people with more entrenched addictions, he said, but all types of recreational drugs except marijuana.

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# Trump Hotel critic says to reject a hateful name

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## Trump's sons will be in the city for hotel's grand opening

An outspoken critic of the Trump Hotel Vancouver is asking that residents "speak out and reject everything the Trump name stands for" as a visit from the sons of Donald Trump for the hotel's official grand opening approaches.

Brent Toderian was Vancouver's chief planner from 2006 to 2012, and he's been speaking out against the Trump name being on the building ever since the developer, Holborn Group, announced the hotel portion of the luxury condo development would be operated by the Trump Organization after a previous deal with Ritz Carlton fell through in the wake of the financial crisis.

Toderian's criticism became widely publicized after Trump proposed to ban all Muslims from the United States during the presidential campaign. It's even more important now to speak out, Toderian said.

"Now his actual decisions are far more damaging than his original rhetoric," Toderian said.

"And so it's going to take continual speaking out I believe and continual rejection of the brand."

Vancouver's mayor has publicly asked the developer to remove the Trump name from the tower and Vision Coun. Kerry Jang has also strongly criticized the decision. But opposition NPA Coun. George Affleck said it's not up to government to "intrude" in the decisions of a private business.

U.S. President Donald Trump and his children, right to left, Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric in downtown Vancouver in 2013 to announce the building of Trump International Hotel and Tower Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Affleck would prefer elected leaders to take a stance similar to that of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Trudeau hasn't condemned Trump's attempts to curtail immigration based on religion or put in place a massive deportation effort, but has instead emphasized Canada's approach to welcome immigrants and refugees.

Affleck said city councillors should be more focussed on making sure everyone is safe when the Trump sons — Eric and Donald Jr. — visit: both the protesters who plan to demonstrate outside of the hotel, and the people who will be attending grand opening events in the morning and evening at the hotel.

"We have free choice and the rights that we all enjoy and we have to be open to all of that," Affleck said. "Everybody understands that this is a challenging time."

On Feb. 28, the "Trump Welcome Party" protest will take place from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. in front of the Trump Hotel at 1161 Georgia St., while a "Resist4Peace" rally will gather at Jack Poole Plaza at 4 p.m. and march to the hotel.

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EDUCATION

# Schools team up to create tech hub

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

UBC and the University of Washington have partnered to create a new data centre with the aim of finding solutions for everything from transit to food safety.

The $1 million Cascadia Urban Analytics Cooperative is funded by Microsoft, making it the largest industry-funded research partnership between the two universities.

"Thanks to this generous gift from Microsoft, our two universities are poised to help transform the Cascadia region into a technological hub comparable to Silicon Valey and Boston," said UBC's president, Santa J. Ono.

"This new partnership transcends borders and strives to unleash our collective brain power, to bring about economic growth that enriches the lives of Canadians and Americans as well as urban communities throughout the world."

The centre will encourage sustained collaboration between researchers and professionals on both sides of the border, according to a UBC written release.

The cooperative will revolve around these four programs:

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FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES

# Douglas Treaties translated 170 years later

In the English language, a fish is just a fish, but for the Tsartlip First Nation on Vancouver Island, words can vary when referring to catching, preserving or cooking the animal.

Vancouver Island First Nations and researchers at the University of Victoria are now taking a closer look at those differences by translating the Douglas Treaties into the Indigenous languages of Sencoten and Lekwungen for the first time, nearly 170 years after they were signed.

Elder John Elliott was one of two translators to produce the Indigenous-language treaties that were unveiled Thursday, and he said there is a stark contrast in perspectives of land rights and resources.

He said the Sencoten language is a product of their spiritual belief, which informed their way of life and perspective on laws and ownership.

"We have a belief about how each and every one of those species of salmon were made and how they came to be, and how we relate to them through our language and belief system, and all of that was never taken into consideration," he said, referring to the treaty.

Between 1850 and 1854, then-governor of Vancouver Island James Douglas signed more than a dozen treaties with First Nations on the island.

Unlike other provinces, British Columbia didn't negotiate agreements with its First Nations, leaving much of province uncovered by treaties.

In the 1990s, the government began a new treaty process that has so far produced five final agreements and seven agreements-in-principle.

University of Victoria historian John Lutz said in addition to having an impact on First Nations' rights today, the translated treaties can help inform relationships between Indigenous people and the rest of Canada in the future.

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**A before and after photo of Taryn Brumfitt**, the force behind a documentary film called Embrace, in which she travels around the world interviewing women about body image and the pressures they feel to conform to the ideal of female beauty.

COURTESY TARYN BRUMFITT

# Changing mindsets, not bodies

FILM

## Doc tackles the tyranny of the 'bikini body' ideal

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

After having had three children, Taryn Brumfitt was ready to go to drastic lengths to change her body.

"I hated my body and I wanted to have surgery to fix what I thought was my broken body," said Brumfitt, who lives in Adelaide, Australia.

She planned to have a tummy tuck and a breast augmentation, but ended up not going through with the plastic surgery. Instead, a fitness trainer friend convinced her to enter a body viewing competition. Brumfitt worked out for hours and followed a strict diet. But when she got up on stage with her "bikini body," she felt empty.

> **There's a real lack of representation and diversity.**
> Taryn Brumfitt

"I realized it was my mindset that needed to change — not my body," she said.

Brumfitt produced a before and after photo: the before photo shows her up on stage in her bikini. The after photo shows Brumfitt seated nude on a chair, her body noticeably more ample. Brumfitt's confident, relaxed smile in the second photo says it all.

"I thought by putting that out to the world I would get a response, and I did. I received over 7,000 emails from women from all around the world."

Brumfitt has now made a documentary film called Embrace, in which she travels around the world interviewing women about body image and the pressures they feel to conform to the ideal of female beauty relentlessly pushed by the media.

"There's a real lack of representation and diversity," she said.

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# The Texas daycare that struck a nerve

**THE BIG SQUEEZE**

## Maybe parents need to check their outrage

Graeme McRanor
For Metro

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I'm outraged. You're outraged. We're all outraged. Why? Because we're parents, and there's plenty to be upset about. Take this note a Texas daycare posted on its door, which a parent snapped and posted online, where it subsequently went viral, enraging parents around the globe:

"GET OFF YOUR PHONE!!!!

"You are picking up your child. Your child is happy to see you! Are you happy to see your child?? We have seen children trying to hand their parents their work they completed and the parent is on the phone. We have heard a child say 'Mommy, mommy, mommy…' and the parent is paying more attention to their phone than their own child. It is appalling."

Want to know what's appalling? I mean, besides the "work" of a preschooler and adults who use all-caps and multiple exclamation marks? That a tone-deaf note can become an international incident. But, I get it. On the tree of strife, this is irresistibly plump, low-hanging fruit. And it clearly struck a digital nerve — because it makes a valid point.

What's that? You're still working when you pick up the kid? Fair enough. But surely that email reply to your boss can wait until after you've feigned interest in Tommy's abstract Crayon art.

Could we benefit from paying more attention to what's in front of us? Absolutely. So let's not lose our minds when someone clumsily says it.

Personally, I don't have time to debate such trivialities. I have two kids, two jobs and I'm trying to capture the criminal mastermind who keeps stealing my quarters from the pool locker's coin-return slot. Sure, I keep forgetting the quarters but, demonstrably…THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN!


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VANCOUVER TRENDING

## Embroiderers delving deep into new realms

**Amy Logan**
For Metro | Vancouver

**Vancouver's natural beauty is an inspiration to modern embroiderers.** BETTINA MATZKUHN

An innovative generation of textile artists, grounded in history but inspired by modern technologies and techniques, are working with thread to envision new realities.

Inspired both by Vancouver's thriving arts scene and its natural beauty, today's embroiderers are boldly experimental. Local embroiderers include Hillary Webb who crafts delicately whimsical images of waves, hawks, and geometric shapes using natural dyes. Trish Graham works with both hand and machine embroidery to create richly colourful artworks, and Nell Burns, a contemporary textile artist, combines threads, fabrics and mediums.

Bettina Matzkuhn, a local textile artist and President of the Craft Council of B.C., grew up watching her mother and grandmothers embroider. For her, embroidery is "a language I grew up with, I feel comfortable with," she said. "The surface, the texture, the importance of touch. There's a richness to it." She noted that it's a tactile art form in an age of smooth, flat screens and keyboards. There is a "human impetus to make beauty out of nothing, and embroidery is a sedimentary process, putting down stitches that slowly add up, " Matzkuhn said.

Embroidery is continually evolving. Graphics, the combination of machine and hand stitching, the use of Photoshop to generate images, and the wide availability and affordability of materials are all leading to new forms and challenged conventions. Matzkuhn's own work can be divided into two streams: a series of works based on a concept, and images inspired by her hiking trips.

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# VANCOUVERING

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# Dance fest moves traditions forward

**INDIGENOUS STORIES**

## Coastal First Nations event hits 10 years old

**Cara McKenna**
For Metro

**MORE INFO**

Head to damelahamid.ca/coastal-dance-festival.

Fifty years ago, Margaret Grenier's parents began the work of revitalizing their culture after Canada banned Indigenous ceremony for nearly seven decades.

"It was illegal, essentially, to practise the songs and dances," Grenier said. "The consequence would be imprisonment."

Canada's potlatch ban was lifted in the early 1950s.

In 1967, Ken and Margaret Harris started an Indigenous dance festival in Prince Rupert in order to educate people and bring back stifled traditions.

That festival ran for two decades and breathed life back into coastal communities.

"The practice of making regalia and performing song and dance was a very big achievement that began good work in surrounding communities," Grenier said.

In 2008, after moving to Vancouver, the Gitxsan and Cree dancer decided to start a new version of her parents' festival in the city.

The Coastal First Nations Dance Festival debuted that year and has been going on ever since.

"Song and dance was just part of what I knew (growing up), and I wanted to make sure that was passed down to younger generations," she said. "And I wanted others to have immersive experience in our practices."

This year marks the event's 10-year anniversary.

It will run from Feb. 28 to March 5, with public events starting Thursday evening at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC. Youth outreach workshops will happen earlier in the week.

1 Tasha Faye Evans in Spine CHRIS RANDL
2 Git Hoan Dancers STEVE QUINN
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4 Dakhká Khwáan Dancers ALLAN OGILVIE
PHOTOGRAPHICS

The festival will celebrate the 10-year milestone by featuring various performers who have been part of the event over its history.

Artists will come from around Canada and as far away as New Zealand with performances that will include an all-female drum group and Cree hoop dancers.

Grenier said the event that once revitalized coastal ceremonies has now evolved to foster contemporary influences.

"It's never about repeating what the previous generation was able to achieve, even though the foundation is very much rooted in what was passed down," she said.

"There's a lot more work that's taking place in the current day where you see songs being composed and dances being choreographed."

At the end of the festival, organizers will take time to recognize those who have been part of the event over the years.

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# Sizzle at Haru Korean Kitchen

FOOD NOTES

**Abby Wiseman**
For Metro

I walk into Haru Korean Kitchen just before the rush and grab a seat by the window. The server warns me that it's hot, but it doesn't compute. A few minutes later I understand what he means, because there's a heater right under me, blasting heat. It is the last seat in the house, and I was warned, so I suck it up.

The restaurant is completely white, but not sterile.

The only splash of colour was the traditional Korean cloth that covered the banquette seating. The menu has many options from potstickers to stir fries and I order the Mung Bean Jeon ($13), which is a Korean style pancake usually made with seafood and the Stone Bowl Kimchi Bi-Bim-Bap ($13).

**Kimchi Bi-Bim-Bap from Haru Korean Kitchen.**
ABBY WISEMAN/METRO

Despite the busy lunch rush, the food came quick and both dishes were served in piping hot bowls and pans — so hot you could keep warm on a cold day by just standing near them. The sound of a sizzling pan creates a sense of excitement, as if the food is slightly dangerous, and my taste buds were already on high alert before a morsel of food touches my tongue.

The Kimchi Bi-Bim-Bap is a mixture of pork, kimchi and seaweed with rice.

The flavours aren't delicate, but bold and loud like the bowl it comes in.

The spice of the house-made kimchi — fermented cabbage and daikon — hits you first, followed by the pungent flavour of the seaweed and rich pork. It's hearty, but not oily and the combination is interesting, satisfying and exciting. This is energizing food that will wake you up, make you stand attention and keep you going the rest of the day.

I do recommend trying Haru Korean Kitchen, particularly on a cold day when you need some warmth and comfort, and a wake up call by way of spicy kimchi.

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# Study shows plight of detained Canadian kids

REFUGEES

## One boy spent 803 days in an immigration holding centre

Canada has placed more than 200 Canadian children in immigration detention with their non-status parents since 2011, alongside hundreds of formally detained non-Canadian children, says University of Toronto study.

Based on data obtained from the Canada Border Services Agency, the U of T International Human Rights Program found at least 241 Canadian-born children — an average of 48 a year — were held in the immigration holding centre in Toronto between 2011 and 2015. The data do not cover detention facilities in other parts of Canada. On average, they spent 36 days at the detention centre with their incarcerated parents, with one boy spending 803 days — over two years — in the detention facility.

Lena Alexander, a failed refugee from Grenada, was held at the immigration holding centre with her Canadian-born children Crystal and Dameon in 2005. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two-thirds of the detained children were housed there for longer than a week and about 31 per cent were held for longer than a month. Eighty-five per cent of the children were under age 6.

"Children who experience even brief periods of detention have extremely negative psychological reactions that often persist long after they are released," warned the 63-page study, Invisible Citizens: Canadian Children in Immigration Detention, released Thursday.

"Children who are spared detention but are separated from their detained parents experience similarly grave consequences for their mental health."

Interviews by researchers with nine detained and formerly detained mothers of Canadian children from the Middle East, West Africa, Central America and the Caribbean found the children had difficulty sleeping, lost their appetite, lost their interest in play, and developed symptoms of depression and separation anxiety, as well as a variety of physical symptoms.

"Many of these symptoms persisted after release from detention," the study warned.

According to the border services policy, Canadian children should only accompany their detained parents if there are no family or friends to care for them, if they are still being breastfed, are too young to be separated from parents or have health issues. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IMMIGRATION

## 'Extreme vetting' is not really so extreme

U.S. President Donald Trump's plans for "extreme vetting" of migrants may seem a stark contrast to Ottawa's "openness" approach, but the two countries' systems are more closely aligned than many people would like to believe.

Trump's stance on immigrants and refugees cannot be more different from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's. That contradiction was on full display at their joint news conference at the White House after the two leaders' recent first meeting in Washington.

But despite the general impression that Canada has more tolerant and lax border security than its neighbour to the south, experts on both sides of the border say the countries have similar security screening processes to keep suspected terrorists and criminals out.

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BORDER CRISIS

## Manitoba steps up to help asylum seekers

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

After calling on the federal government to adopt a "coordinated approach" in dealing with the influx of asylum seekers, the premier of Manitoba announced his own plans to dispatch emergency resources on Thursday.

Premier Brian Pallister and Minister of Education and Training Ian Wishart announced 14 emergency beds and tens of thousands in funding.

"Manitobans have never, ever turned their backs on people," said Pallister.

Extra paramedics will also be placed in the community of Emerson. They will assist volunteer emergency service providers already on the ground, Wishart said. He could not confirm how many would be dispatched.

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## IN BRIEF

**Author Boyden facing plagiarism allegations**

Accusations of similarities between one of Canadian author Joseph Boyden's texts and a story by an Ojibway storyteller have surfaced, barely a month after the authenticity of his indigenous identity came under question.

An article focuses on similarities found in a small book by Ron Geyshick called Te Bwe Win and a story titled Bearwalker.

Boyden denies he copied the story.

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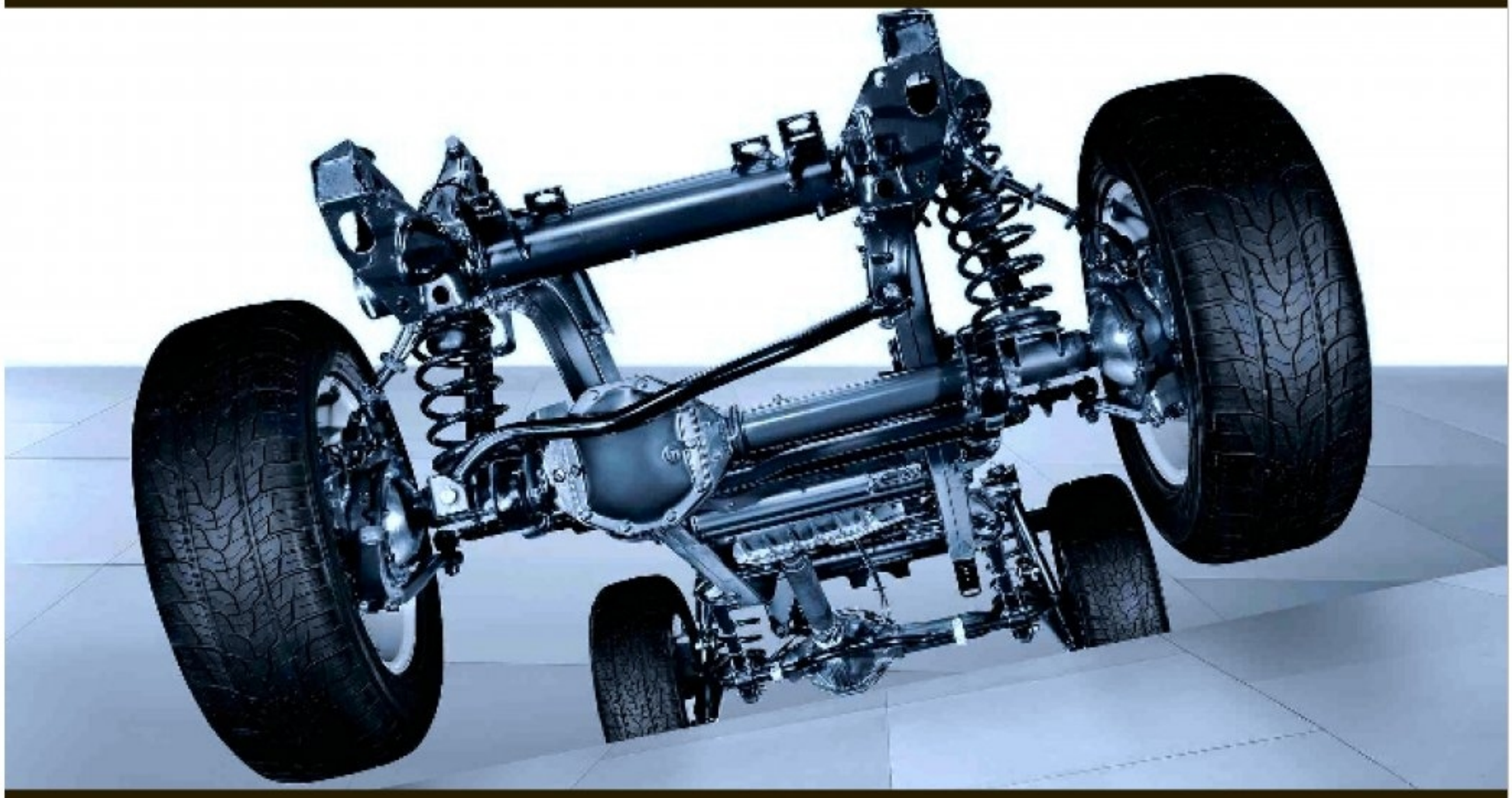

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# Free speech alive and well in U.S.

## Rosemary Westwood has relocated from Canada to the U.S. She chronicles her observations in a weekly column with Metro.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

Everyone loves a hypocrite, which is to say, hates. Hates with pleasure, really, and never more so than in politics.

Enter the left-wing glee this week when Milo Yiannopoulos lost his book deal, lost his job at the extreme right wing website Breitbart, and was kicked off the program for the Conservative Political Action Conference.

For the avowed free-speech loving right-wing of American politics, Yiannopoulos's resurfaced support of sex between men and 13-year-old boys was a bridge too far, and in rejecting him, they tripped over the "acceptable speech" line so many had, in their own glee, raged against for years.

Down came the implicit support for the extreme right, though not for conference-sponsor Breitbart itself, and out went white supremacist Richard Spencer when he tried to enter the conference on Thursday.

Milo Yiannopoulos announces his resignation from Breitbart News during a press conference in New York City. After comments he made regarding pedophilia surfaced in an online video, Yiannopoulos was uninvited to speak at CPAC and lost a major book deal with Simon & Schuster. GETTY IMAGES

If this all sounds a little college lefty, safe-space-esque, "we don't condone that kind of talk here," that's because it is. And in becoming what they supposedly detest, a great swath of extreme right sympathizers masquerading as first-amendment lovers have been undone.

But the proof that no one need fear for the state of free speech, especially not anti-immigrant, anti-gay, anti-woman, anti-Muslim and anti-Black speech, came in it's most abundant, outrageous and glowing orange from a year and a half ago in Donald Trump himself. If Trump, who possesses an uncanny ability to mix pointed insults with otherwise inscrutable speech, could find himself in the oval office, America's problems do not include threats to right-wing free speech.

Shutting down Yiannopoulos' campus talks or criticizing publishers or firing that nonprofit director who called Michelle Obama an "ape in heels" — these are not attacks on free speech. They are simply evidence of consequence. As in, individual responsibility, or the right's political raison d'etre.

It's somewhere on the spectrum of irritating to outright infuriating that I, and thousands of people on Twitter, feel the need to keep pointing out this idea of consequence, as well as the fact that no one is obliged to listen to you.

When I ran all this by a friend the other day, he shook his head in disgust at the very idea of spending a whole column, like this, yet again discussing the first amendment.

"Everyone talks about free speech," he said. "What about good ideas?"

What, indeed.

The cultural focus on what one can say does seemed to have drowned out questions about what's really worth listening to. Richard Spencer was swarmed by media as he was kicked out of CPAC. Yiannopoulos has found fame through bigotry. Donald Trump, well, we all know what happened to him.

And it wasn't a good idea.

TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

# Jenner calls Trump 'a disaster'

Caitlyn Jenner AP FILE

Caitlyn Jenner is taking President Donald Trump to task for his administration's reversal of a directive on transgender access to public school bathrooms.

Jenner addresses Trump in a video posted Thursday night on Twitter. She says, "From one Republican to another, this is a disaster."

The Trump White House has ended a directive issued during Barack Obama's presidency that told public schools to let transgender students use bathrooms and locker rooms of their chosen gender.

Jenner is particularly critical of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, saying, "Apparently even becoming attorney general isn't enough to cure some people of their insecurities." Addressing Trump, the former Olympian says: "You made a promise to protect the LGBTQ community. Call me."

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Jeanette Vizguerra, an undocumented immigrant in the U.S. for 20 years, has taken refuge in a church in Denver with her family for fear of being deported. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

# Bracing for deportation

ARRESTS

## U.S. crackdown prompts many to change up daily routines

In Orange County, California, dozens of immigrant parents have signed legal documents authorizing friends and relatives to pick up their children from school and access their bank accounts to pay their bills in the event they are arrested by immigration agents.

In Philadelphia, immigrants are carrying wallet-size Know Your Rights guides in Spanish and English that explain what to do if they're rounded up.

And in New York, Zuleima Dominguez and her Mexican family are careful about answering the door and make worried phone calls when someone doesn't come home on time.

Around the country, President Donald Trump's efforts to crack down on the estimated 11 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S. have spread fear and anxiety and led many people to brace for arrest and to change up their daily routines in hopes of not getting caught.

In El Paso, Texas, Carmen Ramos and her friends have developed a network to keep each other updated via text messages on where immigration checkpoints have been set up.

She said she also is making certain everything she does is in order at all times. She checks her taillights to make sure they are working. She won't speed.

The unease among immigrants has been building but intensified in recent weeks with ever-clearer signs that the Trump administration would jettison the Obama-era policy of focusing mostly on deporting those who had committed serious crimes.

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IMMIGRATION

# Trump, top aides send mixed messages

Seeking to tamp down growing unease in Latin America, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly pledged Thursday that America won't enlist its military to enforce immigration laws and that there will be "no mass deportations."

Only hours earlier, President Donald Trump suggested the opposite. He told CEOs at the White House the deportation push was a "military operation."

Kelly said all deportations will honour human rights and follow the U.S. legal system. He said that includes multiple appeals offered to those facing deportation. Kelly said the U.S. approach will involve "close co-ordination" with Mexico's government.

"There will be no use of military forces in immigration," Kelly said. "There will be no mass deportations."

Yet while Kelly tried to alleviate Mexico's concerns, Trump was fanning them further with tough talk about "getting really bad dudes out of this country at a rate nobody has ever seen before."

"It's a military operation," Trump said Thursday while his envoys were in Mexico City. "Because what has been allowed to come into our country, when you see gang violence that you've read about like never before and all of the things, much of that is people who are here illegally."

It was an altogether different message and tone from Kelly and Tillerson, who travelled here to meet with top Mexican officials at a time of intense turbulence for U.S.-Mexico relations. Indeed,

Trump acknowledged he had sent his top diplomat south of the border on a "tough trip."

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**Major Mickey** 20 live mice arrived at the International Space Station this week to test how wounds heal in zero gravity

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# BACKUP PLANET

Scientists discovered seven Earth-sized planets a mere 40 light-years away from us — at least three of which could theoretically support life as we know it. **So should we start packing our bags?**

**Not so fast**
Even with a spacecraft that moves at the speed of light (and such a craft does not exist) it would take almost forty years to get there.

**Gas-us**
The Hubble Space Telescope is already on the hunt for oxygen, ozone and methane — gases that are byproducts of life — coming from the planets.

**Goldilocks zone**
This is the nickname for the distance from a star that makes a planet not too hot, not too cold to contain liquid water — considered a key ingredient for life.

**Old soul**
Young dwarf stars shoot off X-rays and ultraviolet light — potential threats to life. But this star might be past its tantrum phase.

**Moving up**
Some of the planets in TRAPPIST-1 are a touch bigger than Earth, giving about 10 per cent more room — enough space for that extra bedroom.

## FINDINGS
### Your week in science

**The Eagle takes flight**
The Apollo 11 command module is going on a road trip. The capsule took Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the moon in 1969, but has mostly stayed put at the Smithsonian in D.C. since its historic journey. The tour will hit four U.S. cities ahead of the 50th anniversary of the lunar mission.

**Stuck on you**
Juno, NASA's Jupiter orbiter, is taking four times longer than expected to circle the gas giant. Some valves on the craft are sticky, upping the 14-day journey to 53 days, and boosting the billion-dollar bill.

**PHILOSOPHER CAT**
**by Jason Logan**

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# ‘Social thriller’ tackles racism

GET OUT

## Jordan Peele turns lens on racial tension in film debut

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Jordan Peele learned how to scare people by making them laugh. As characters like Funkenstein’s Monster on the popular sketch show Key & Peele he investigated popular culture, ethnic stereotypes and race relations through a satirical lens.

Get Out, his directorial debut, however, contains few laughs. By design. It’s a horror film about college students Rose and Chris, played by Allison Williams and Daniel Kaluuya. Things are getting serious and it’s time to meet the parents. “Do they know I’m black?” he asks. She assures him race is a non-issue as they head to her leafy up-state hometown to meet parents Missy and Dean (Catherine Keener and Bradley Whitford). After a few days Chris feels uneasy, a sensation compounded by an alarming call from his best friend. “I’ve been doing my research and a whole lot of brothers have gone missing in that suburb,” he says. Chris wonders if his hosts are racist and deadly or just racist.

“It’s a horror movie from an African American’s perspective,” Peele told Forbes.com.

While working on the script Peele sought advice from Sean of the Dead director Edgar Wright and other genre filmmakers but says ultimately his career in comedy was the best training to make a horror film.

Making people laugh, he declares, and scaring the pants off them share a similar skill set. Both are all about pacing, reveals and both must feel like they take place in reality he says.

His love of horror dates back to watching A Nightmare on Elm Street as a teen. It was the first movie that really terrified him. Since then, he says the first sight of Hannibal Lecter in Silence of the Lambs really frightened him. “You come down the hallway, and he’s just waiting for you,” he told the New York Times. “It’s the protagonist in motion and something waiting for him, patiently and calmly. Those are so chilling to me.”

Get Out isn’t a typical horror film, however. Peele refers to it as a “social thriller,” a movie that veers away from the Nightmare on Elm Street thrills that made such an impression on him as a teen. Instead the main villain is something more insidious than even the slash-happy Freddy Kruger; it’s racial tension. He says the story is personal but is quick to add it speedily veers off from anything strictly autobiographical. Instead it is an exploration of racism in all its forms he hopes will ultimately be relatable for his audience no matter who they are.

He compares Chris’s anxiety to Sidney Poitier’s classic Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner. In that film parents, played by Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, have their attitudes challenged when their daughter introduces them to her African American fiancé. He says the uncomfortable situation of meeting in-laws for the first time is universal. “The layer of race that enriches and complicates that tension (in the film) becomes relatable,” he told GQ. “It’s made to be an inclusive movie. If you don’t go through the movie with the main character, I haven’t done my job right.”

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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| Get Out | ★★★★ |
| A United Kingdom | ★★★ |
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Chris, played by Daniel Kaluuya, with girlfriend Rose, played by Allison Williams, are the protagonists in Get Out, “a horror movie from an African American’s perspective.” CONTRIBUTED

# Race, viewed through James Baldwin's eyes

I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO

## Documentary a real case of 'unfinished business'

One might regard filmmaker Raoul Peck's documentary as a case of unfinished business.

Back in 1979, acclaimed author James Baldwin wrote to his literary agent about a plan to write a book linking the lives of three towering figures of the 1960s civil rights movement: Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

All three were assassinated, and as noted by Baldwin, never lived to see the age of 40.

Baldwin's manuscript never got past 30 pages, so Peck, with the full co-operation of the late writer's estate, uses his perspective as a filmmaker to reimagine and broaden the scope of the project.

The result — hard-hitting and insightful — is a reminder that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

**James Baldwin in I Am Not Your Negro.** COURTESY BOB ADELMAN

Using Baldwin's own words (voiced by Samuel L. Jackson) and a range of archival interviews in which we see the man himself, Peck links the black community's past struggles for equality to the present day.

We're reminded of the historic civil rights protests throughout the U.S. South in the 1950s and 1960s and the raw hatred and ugliness they exposed. That's juxtaposed with the 2014 killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri by a police officer, which reignited the rage of the black community.

There are also photos to remind us of other recent examples of the ongoing violence faced by African-Americans, especially young people like Trayvon Martin, who died in 2012 at the hands of a self-appointed vigilante who was later acquitted of murder by a jury in Florida.

We also learn a good deal about the life of Baldwin himself, a fascinating figure who fled to Europe in 1948 only to return to take up a burden that his race had placed upon him. The FBI took note in 1966, labelling Baldwin both a homosexual and a "dangerous individual."

Throughout the film, we hear Baldwin's own eloquent and sorrowful analysis of the race issue that America continues to grapple with. It's a painful reminder of why groups like Black Lives Matter matter. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLL

# 'Please try to park the politics outside'

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Maybe we'd just like the Oscars to be a little shorter.

As Canadians prepare to tune in to the cultural stalwart that manages to bore and entertain in equal measures, a new poll shows that just over half of us would like award recipients to resist the temptation to make political statements.

The online survey conducted by Angus Reid Institute shows that while 61 per cent of Canadians think it's OK for celebrities and athletes to publicly express their political views, 55 per cent said they oppose using awards show for that purpose.

"There is support for people in the public eye using their activism … on social media or in the protest movement," said Shachi Kurl, executive director of the Angus Reid Institute.

"But when it comes to the moment, whether it's picking up an award that's related to the arts or entertainment community, or moments when all eyes are on athletes at big games, clearly there is a distinction in the minds of our respondents that say in that moment make it about that moment."

**Meryl Streep's Golden Globes speech took direct aim at Donald Trump.** ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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# Who will be the best of the very best?

A La La Landslide? Maybe not. Here are our picks for who will/should win. **PETER HOWELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## BEST PICTURE

**Will:** La La Land or Moonlight
**Could:** Hidden Figures
**Should:** Moonlight
**Why:** The safe money is supposedly on La La Land to win, but I consider this category too close to call. Moonlight's unique coming-of-age story has so much resonance to modern times, I'm thinking — hoping — that the Academy will go for it. And Hidden Figures just might surprise everybody, much like Spotlight did last year.

## BEST DIRECTOR

**Will:** Barry Jenkins (Moonlight) or Damien Chazelle, (La La Land)
**Could:** Denis Villeneuve (Arrival)
**Should:** Barry Jenkins
**Why:** If voters go La La Land for best picture, then I think they'll choose Jenkins for best director, which would significantly make him the first African-American director to win this honour. And if they choose Moonlight for Best Picture, then Chazelle for Best Director.

## BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

**Will:** Viola Davis (Fences)
**Could:** Michelle Williams (Manchester by the Sea)
**Should:** Naomie Harris (Moonlight)
**Why:** This is the easiest Oscar to call and the toughest to endorse. Davis will win for her tremendous performance, although it's arguably category fraud: she really should be up for best actress. Williams defines strong support with her brief Manchester scenes. But Harris exceeds all stereotypes.

## BEST ACTRESS

**Will:** Emma Stone (La La Land)
**Could:** Natalie Portman (Jackie) or Isabelle Huppert (Elle)
**Should:** Natalie Portman
**Why:** Front-runner Stone is all set to be the belle of the Oscars with her enchanting performance. But the inner fortitude Portman displayed as the widowed Jacqueline Kennedy impressed me more. Huppert is long overdue for an Oscar and a win is possible and deserved.

## BEST ACTOR

**Will:** Casey Affleck (Manchester by the Sea)
**Could:** Denzel Washington (Fences)
**Should:** Casey Affleck
**Why:** Affleck and Washington each play tortured souls in their respective roles of defeated family men. Affleck's performance was bone deep and truly memorable; Washington's was solid yet showy. But Denzel is a two-time Oscar champ and he won at SAG this year.

## BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

**Will:** Mahershala Ali (Moonlight)
**Could:** Jeff Bridges (Hell or High Water)
**Should:** Mahershala Ali
**Why:** Ali has been the obvious choice here ever since he first wowed audiences at TIFF and other fall festivals with his deeply affecting and stereotype-busting portrayal of a fatherly drug dealer. It will be a huge upset if he loses.

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# Met offers exercise amid art

PERFORMANCE

## MetLiveArts hosting classes three years in the making

New York City's cavernous Metropolitan Museum of Art has been holding lively morning workout sessions this winter amid its prized masterpieces.

The 45-minute Museum Workout sends people in exercise attire chugging through 35 galleries, past paintings, sculptures, armour and other treasures, before the venerable Fifth Avenue institution opens to the public.

On a recent morning, an overnight snowstorm didn't deter the 15 people who'd signed up for the session.

It started with a warmup: calf stretches in the museum's grand limestone entrance and an easy jog out to the Bee Gees' hit Stayin' Alive. Then came the speedy trek through the galleries and up the preserved ornate staircase of the 19th century Chicago stock exchange.

There were squats in front of John Singer Sargent's Portrait of Madame X, balancing on one leg before Henry VIII's rigid armour, a yoga pose before a bronze nude of the Roman hunting goddess Diana, and jumping jacks in-between, all to a soundtrack of disco and Motown hits.

Why bother travelling to a Manhattan museum — some did, from Pennsylvania, Kentucky and even California — just to exercise?

**An exercise group lies in a yoga post at the feet of a bronze statue of Diana, Roman goddess of the hunt.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"This offers you amazing moments," said participant Oliver Ryan, who runs a New York corporate wellness company. "We did our first stretch, and there in the vast gallery was Perseus holding the head of Medusa. What hit me was this was the TV of ancient times, a frozen moment from a story everyone knew."

The Met commissioned the innovative Monica Bill Barnes Dance Company for the project. It was choreographed by the two women leading the workout — Monica Bill Barnes herself and her dance partner, Anna Bass — along with Robert Saenz de Viteri, the company's creative producing director.

Bass said the team worked "obsessively" calculating how to keep a safe distance from the artworks. That means no wild swinging of arms or legs, and exercising a minimum of three feet or so from any treasure.

Leading scantily clad, pumped up bodies around the artworks "really runs against the culture of being in a museum, being quiet and being still and walking slowly," said Barnes.

"We're in the business of making strange things," she added with a wry smile, "bringing dance where it doesn't belong."

De Viteri helped guide the workout session in a vintage tuxedo and sneakers, holding a laptop attached to a speaker that channeled music and recorded narration by artist and author Maira Kalman, who selected the art and gallery route.

"Something very physical happens to me when I'm in a museum. I get this rush of excitement, this kind of tingle of mad, passionate arousal," Kalman's recorded voice said as the group did side-stretches in front of a stern-looking bust of Benjamin Franklin.

The workout ends with everyone lying on their back, eyes closed, on the floor of the Met's luminous American wing. This yoga pose, called savasana, is meant to release tension from mind and body while absorbing the benefits of the dynamic exercises. Rising over the human stillness is Augustus Saint-Gaudens' ancient goddess — the resplendent, gilded Diana, about to release her arrow.

The first sessions, from Jan. 19 through Feb. 12, were sold out months ago. The interest was so intense that more were added, through March 9, and they're also sold out. Participants, both men and women, have ranged in age from 13 to 85.

Museum officials say there are no immediate plans for a future staging of what is essentially a "performance piece" that took three years to create, with each participant movement matching music and visuals moment by moment.

The Museum Workout was commissioned by the museum's MetLiveArts performance series and partly funded by the Jerome Robbins Foundation and One World Fund.

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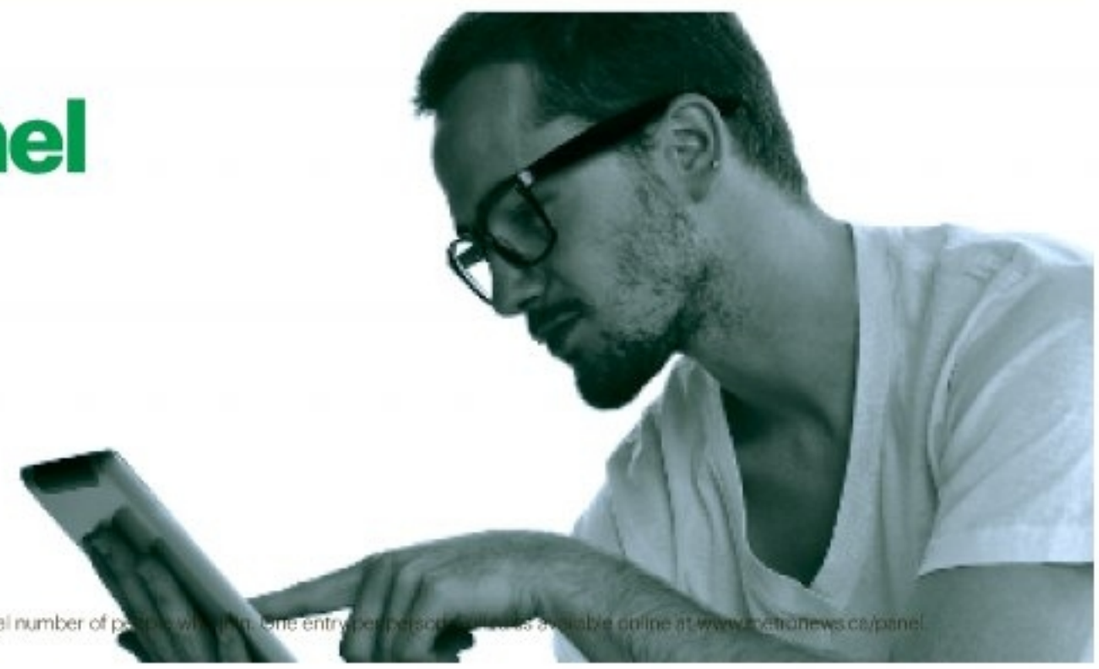

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# Tarantulas, scorpions greet visitors

VICTORIA

## Creepy crawlies are the main attraction at B.C. bug zoo

Hairy-legged tarantulas and pointy-tailed scorpions send chills of fear through most people, but at the Victoria Bug Zoo they are as friendly as newborn kittens and will rest in the palm of your hand.

The downtown mini zoo offers visitors an up-close-and-personal view of live tropical bugs from around the world.

It also shatters long-held fears about deadly spider bites and stings as glow-in-the-dark scorpions and tarantulas the size of tennis balls are available to calmly interact with visitors.

"It felt OK," said Sally Millis of Brisbane, Australia, after she held a Chilean rose hair tarantula. "But I wouldn't be holding it anywhere else."

The bug zoo has about 50 species of insects, including giant walking sticks, robot-like praying mantises and Canada's largest ant colony, where the ever-busy creatures travel through a series of interconnected see-through plastic pipes.

**Head biologist Jaymie Chudiak holds a Dead Leaf Mantis at the Victoria Bug Zoo in Victoria, B.C. Left: A visitor looks over deceased species of butterflies and spiders.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tour guides are on hand to introduce visitors to the world of bugs and provide safe spider, cockroach and beetle handling experiences for the more adventurous. But it's adults only when it comes to handling some of the more exotic and fragile spiders.

Biologist Jaymie Chudiak said she has become known as the zoo's bug whisperer for her skills in assessing the personalities and friendliness of every bug or spider that visitors will meet. "I vet them for gentleness and ease of handling," she said.

Chudiak said most of the spiders are calm and easily adapt to human interactions, but some are cranky.

She said Hazel, a large Mexican red knee tarantula, is "little moody at times."

"She gets super excited," said Chudiak. "I've actually played tug-of-war with her. She'll grab onto the feeding tongs and not let go."

Hazel appeared to be in a particularly testy mood on a recent visit, standing almost upright in a fighting pose for several minutes.

Chudiak said the spiders bite and are venomous, but even though their bites will hurt, they don't possess enough venom to kill or serious hurt a person.

The bug zoo, open since 1997, had about 50,000 visitors last year. School field trips are a major source of customers, but the zoo is also always full on school holidays.

Jordan Krushen, general manager of the facility, said adults are also fascinated by the bugs, spiders and insects at the zoo.

He said the zoo hosted an after-hours Valentine's Day event aimed at bug lovers.

The age 19-plus gathering, "Sex on Six Legs," explored the mating habits of many different arthropods, he said.

Guides were on hand to discuss the sex habits of bugs, including nuptial gifts and traumatic insemination, Krushen said.

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### IF YOU GO

**Information for visitors**

The Victoria Bug Zoo is located at 631 Courtney St. and is open seven days a week. Admission is $12 for adults, $8 children, students and seniors. Children under age four are free.

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# Basketball, soccer provide escape for Syrian children

REFUGEES

## Sports help ease pain of displacement

Every Sunday, the gymnasium along Beirut's airport highway echoes with the shouting and laughter of dozens of Syrian children enjoying a rare escape from a grim and confined life in exile.

The Sport 4 Development program, run by the UN children's agency, aims to bring 12,000 children, mostly Syrian refugees, to blacktops and turf pitches this year to teach the basics of soccer and basketball, and to ease the pain of war and displacement.

"We try to get them out of their stressful environments and the frights that they've lived through," said Maher Nakib, 40, the technical director of Hoops Lebanon, the sports association behind the project.

Of the one million Syrian refugees the UN says are living in Lebanon, more than half are under 18 years old. Syrians here face legal and other forms of discrimination, and many parents are hesitant to let their children play outside in the crowded alleys of Beirut's poorer neighbourhoods, where most of the refugees live.

The month-long Hoops program provides a safe environment where the children can blow off steam, as well as learn self-confidence and teamwork.

"They come back home and they're too tired to fight," smiles Fatima Tayjan, a refugee from the Syrian city of Aleppo who has enrolled three of her four children in the program. When her family of six returns home to their crowded two-bedroom apartment, the children have "released all their energy and they are ready to talk to each other," she said.

> **Children won't necessarily express themselves unless you give them an outlet, and sports are an excellent medium to do so.**
>
> Maher Nakib, Hoops Lebanon

Maram al-Malwa, a 17-year-old paid volunteer who came up in the program, recalls her own feelings of isolation when she and her family fled from Aleppo to Lebanon five years ago. "It was a new country, even a new accent," she said.

But now she is irrepressible, rising on the balls of her feet when she speaks and helping coaches reach through to children in the group activities. She is one of a handful of the children pulled aside for a six-month mentorship on leadership and coaching.

"You grow, you experience victories, setbacks, you learn to fight for yourself, and you become more confident," she said.

Staffers are trained to identify struggling children, those who lash out and those who retreat into their shells. Psychologists meet with parents weekly to discuss healthy relationships and domestic violence.

The group sessions often bring to light domestic disputes, learning disabilities or experiences of sexual violence. The children are then referred to specialized non-governmental organizations for further support.

On a recent Sunday, the children lined up to dribble through cones, shoot layups and learn cheers and stretches.

"You see a lot of cases of shyness or stubbornness, and you immediately see them change when they're here," al-Malwa said. "I feel like I'm responsible, like I'm in charge of a group."

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**ABOVE: Syrian refugee girls play basketball in Beirut, Lebanon.**

**LEFT: Syrian refugee boys scream during a soccer training session.**

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## IN BRIEF

**QB pioneer Custis passes**

Bernie Custis, pro football's first black quarterback who blazed the trail for future stars like Warren Moon, Chuck Ealey and Damon Allen, has died.

**Bernie Custis**
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

He was 88.

Custis made pro football history Aug. 29, 1951, when he became a starter with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

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**Manitoba enters Scotties playoffs as top seed**

Michelle Englot has locked up the top playoff seed at the Canadian women's curling championship.

Englot's Manitoba rink beat Ontario's Rachel Homan 9-5 on Thursday night. Both 10-1 to conclude their preliminary rounds, Englot and Homan meet again Friday night in a playoff game.

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**Chinese basketball league appoints Yao as president**

The Chinese Basketball Association has voted unanimously to appoint Yao Ming as its president.

The CBA's social media account quoted the Hall of Famer as saying on Thursday that he hoped to reform the domestic league's draft system and push more Chinese players into the international arena. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Ranieri's Leicester fairy tale is over

PREMIER LEAGUE

## Foxes sack boss 9 months after winning English title

Masterminding one of the greatest upsets in sporting history wasn't enough for Claudio Ranieri to keep his job at Leicester.

Ranieri was fired by Leicester on Thursday, nine months after the 65-year-old Italian manager guided the club to the English Premier League title at pre-season odds of 5,000-1.

Leicester's Thai owners took the drastic measure with soccer's ultimate fairy tale threatening to have an unhappy ending. In a dreadful title defence, the team is one point and one place above the relegation zone and in serious danger of losing its status in the world's most lucrative league.

"We are duty-bound to put the club's long-term interests above all sense of personal sentiment," Leicester vice chairman Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha said, "no matter how strong that might be." On current form, Leicester is heading for relegation with 13 games left. It hasn't scored a goal in six league games in 2017 and has won one of its last 10 games in the league.

The team was eliminated from the FA Cup last weekend by third-tier team Millwall, which won 1-0 despite playing most of the second half with 10 players.

"His status as the most successful Leicester City manager of all time is without question," a club statement said of Ranieri.

"However, domestic results in the current campaign have placed the club's Premier League status under threat, and the board reluctantly feels that a change of leadership is necessary." Leicester, with a team of journeymen, cast-offs and previously unheralded players, won the Premier League by 10 points, a feat widely viewed as one of the greatest in all sports.

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> Leicester vice chairman Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha

Ranieri was last month voted as FIFA coach of the year, and the Leicester story captured the hearts of the sporting world and beyond. However, the values behind Leicester's surprise success have disappeared as Leicester slipped closer to the bottom three in the Premier League and its star players, including Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez, failed to rediscover the form of last season. Ranieri also reportedly fell out with some of his players.

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**Claudio Raneiri overcame odds of 5,000-1 to win the Premier League with the Foxes last season.** CRISTINA QUICLER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

## Tucker signs for Raptors

The Toronto Raptors have acquired guard/forward P.J. Tucker from the Phoenix Suns for forward Jared Sullinger and two second-round draft picks.

The deal gives Toronto depth at wing position that was depleted when Terrence Ross was sent to Orlando last week in the trade that brought power forward Serge Ibaka to the Raptors.

**P.J. Tucker** GETTY IMAGES

Tucker was drafted by the Raptors in the second round of the 2006 NBA draft. He played 17 games for Toronto in 2006-07 before being waived to make room for Luke Jackson. He spent the next five seasons in Europe before catching on with the Suns in 2012-13.

Tucker has averaged 8.0 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.2 steals a game over five seasons in Phoenix. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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# *Creamy* Broccoli and Cheese Soup

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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**
For Metro Canada

A generous serving of cheddar gives this vegetarian soup a satisfying creaminess.

**Ready in 35 minutes**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

**Ingredients**
- 4 cups broccoli florets and stem (cut off tough ends) chopped fairly small
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 cups chopped, peeled potato
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 glug olive oil
- 4 cups stock (vegetable or chicken, low sodium)
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup grated cheddar
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**

**1.** Sauté onion and garlic in a Dutch oven or other large, heavy-bottomed pot for about 5 minutes until soft.

**2.** Add vegetables and stock and allow to simmer for about 20 minutes until the vegetables are tender.

**3.** In small batches, ladle the broth and vegetables into your blender and purée. Pour each batch into a bowl as you go. Pour the puree back into your pot.

**4.** Over medium heat add milk and cheese and stir until the cheese melts. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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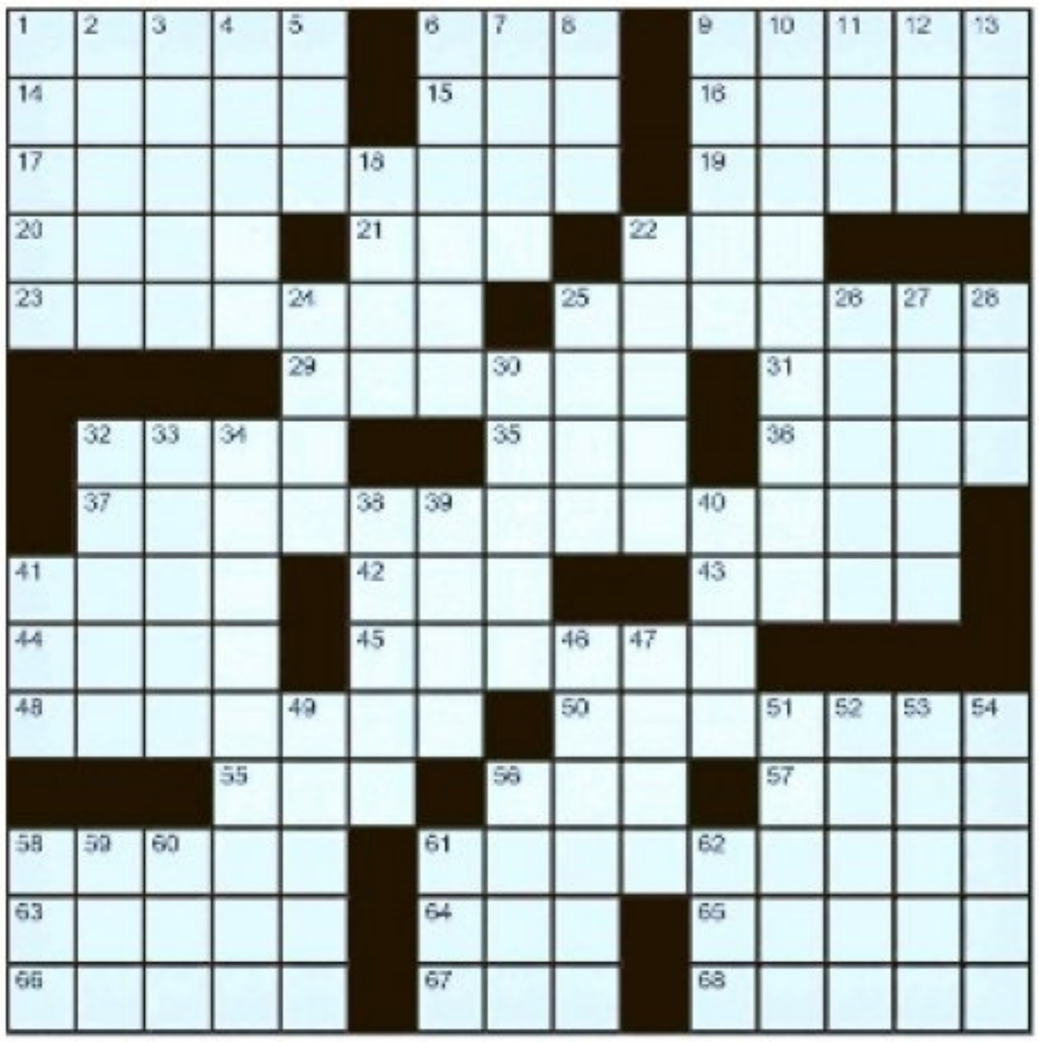
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Analyze
6. Sit-ups targets
9. Prepare mentally
14. '-Z' Camaro models
15. Six: Italian
16. Writer Charles' bookish surname
17. Oscars 2017! Canadian nominee in the 'Short Film (Animated)' category, "__ and Cigarettes" (2016)
19. Comic strip, Li'l __
20. "..__ __ tete, Alouette..."
21. Movie __
22. Dietary letters
23. Certain conifer: 2 wds.
25. Oscars 2017! Shine on the red carpet: 3 wds.
29. Appears, like an online ad: 2 wds.
31. Tick __..
32. Gov. agents
35. Three: Italian
36. Obi accessory
37. Oscars 2017! In Sci-Fi flick "Arrival" (2016), Amy Adams' character, a linguistics professor, translates it: 2 wds.
41. Lines giver
42. Standard stat.
43. Genetic messengers, commonly
44. Twice's half
45. Conforming, __ the line
48. Oscars 2017! Do this to experience the show from home: 2 wds.
50. Regina-born actor Leslie
55. Mattel product
56. Oscars 2017! __., Feb. 26th
57. Virginia willow
58. Oscars 2017! Be part of the movie's cast: 2 wds.
61. Oscars 2017! Gala party catered by Wolfgang Puck, __ Ball
63. Ring up
64. Yalie
65. Hair dye brand
66. Like lemons
67. Albanian currency
68. Genuflect

**DOWN**
1. Oscars 2017! Canadian filmmaker Alan Barillaro's nominated work in the category at #17-Across
2. Mountain ridge
3. Writer Mr. Dahl
4. Combat
5. Keyboard key
6. Comparably downwardly-dug: 2 wd.
7. Red veggie
8. Formally fine fellow
9. Oscars 2017! Red carpet designer name
10. Oscars 2017! Ryan Gosling's Oscar-nominated role in "La La Land" (2016)
11. PBS chef Martin
12. Alphabetic trio
13. HRH part
18. Money Object link: 2 wds.
22. Fasten anew
24. __ dixit (Unproven claim)
25. Singe
26. Friendly Islands
27. Land units
28. Old Hollywood studio
30. Oscars 2017! Host Jimmy Kimmel's platform
32. Flora's friend?
33. Vote in
34. Oscars 2017! Category in which Canadian filmmaker Denis Villeneuve is nominated for "Arrival" (2016)
38. Dapper
39. Ukraine city, to Russians
40. Encourage
41. Moo-er
46. Northwest Territories town
47. Three squared
49. Tea sweetener
51. __ closet
52. Stock
53. Spooky
54. Rhinal
56. Exclusive
58. Fitting
59. Steeped beverage
60. Big load, States-style
61. Congeal
62. 1960s Pres. sibling

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
This is a marvelous day to schmooze with others. Enjoy the company of friends, and in particular, enjoy the company of groups. People are warmhearted today.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
You look good to others today. In part, people see that you are ready to show your affection for others, and they like this. (Of course they do — everyone wants to be loved and appreciated.)

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Travel for pleasure will appeal to you today. This also is a good day to mingle with people from different backgrounds and other cultures.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
It will be easy to take part in discussions about inheritances and shared property today, because people are in a good mood. In addition, they feel cooperative and generous. (That's all you need.)

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
Relations with others are very positive today. Entertain at home. Don't hesitate to let others know how much you care for them.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a good day at work because coworkers are supportive. You also might see ways to make your workspace look and feel more attractive.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a great day for a date or any kind of social outing. Enjoy sports events and playful activities with children. Whatever interactions you have today will be warm and rewarding.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Entertain at home today. Invite the gang over for good food and drink! Discussions with female family members will be positive and warm.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
All your communications with others today will be upbeat and affectionate. This is a strong day for writers and salespeople, as well as those of you who teach or act.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can boost your income today, because this is a financially favorable day. If shopping, you will want to buy beautiful things for yourself and loved ones.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a positive, feel-good day because the Moon is in your sign, dancing nicely with Venus. Enjoy schmoozing with others.

**Pisces**
Feb. 20 - March 20
Work alone or behind the scenes today, because you feel content and happy with the world. You want to take some time just for you, and why not? Find a comfy place and enjoy your favorite drink.

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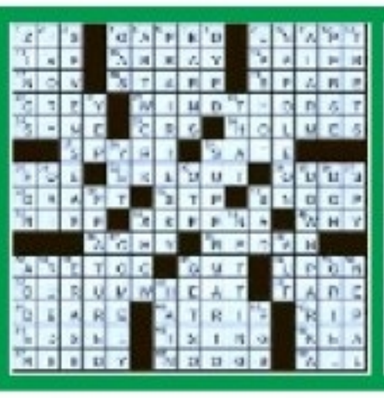

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